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Richard Rendell at 11:00 P.M. over WMAZ (Washington):

"A genial smiling pipesmoker, who on a number of occasions has gone into places of very great danger as an American public servant, may now reveal, if he wishes, in an endorsement by the United States Senate of a sort extended to very, very few persons. I refer to the Director of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, Allen Welsh Dulles, the 63-year-old brother of the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. There had been suggested a watchdog committee of Congress be created to check on the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. A resolution to set up such a committee has been defeated in the Senate by a vote of 59 to 27. That, in itself, amounts to a vote of approval of what Allen Dulles has been doing.

"The Central Intelligence Agency, it should be noted, is the governmental organization charged with correlating the information gathered overseas about Communist undertakings. Allen Dulles is a very mannerly personality; he is a very easy man to see in comparison with other men of his rank in Washington. He likes to have callers, no matter how strange or unusual, because he knows there is always the possibility that the caller will have something of value to contribute to his reservoir of information.

"These are hours of strain for the CIA men. They have the job of finding out what the Communists are doing, and that is hard to find out, and if they do not find out, there will be trouble. The Communist armies of China slipped into North Korea across the Yalu River by the thousands before our people grasped what was going on. And Communists at the moment are undertaking large scale operations in the Middle East. The threat of war is there. It is of the greatest importance that we acquire the facts on what is going on, facts about the shipments of arms and so on. The Central Intelligence Agency assembles that sort of information in cooperation with the army, navy, air force and the State Department and it presents it to the National Security Council, presided over by President Eisenhower.

"The Senate vote, incidentally, quite probably is evidence of awareness by the members of the Senate that Allen Dulles knows his business. He has been a diplomat, a foreign agent, and a lawyer. He is cheery sort of fellow with a twinkle in his eye and almost always he has a pipe in his mouth. His appearance

resembles that of his elder brother but he is a bit more informal in his clothing. Both are sometimes described as patricians. Their father was Presbyterian minister in Watertown, New York. Both went to Princeton, both have made money in the law, and both have a ministerial streak in their behavior pattern.

"Allen Dulles, shortly after his graduation from Princeton, taught English for a year at Allahabad in India. That was in 1916. Later he entered the Foreign Service of the State Department assigned to Vienna, Austria, and later he was posted to Bern, Switzerland; that was in 1917. It was there he decided upon his policy of talking to those who so desired, those who wanted to talk to him. The reason is this. One night he was invited to go to a political meeting in Bern, Switzerland. He did not go to that meeting, and later, he learned that the speaker at the meeting was none other than Nikolai Lenin, the mastermind of the revolution who was about to leave for Moscow and Russia. All the time since Allen Dulles has regretted that he did not go to that meeting.

"But it was in Bern too in Switzerland that Mr. Dulles served as representative during World War II of the Office of Strategic Services. The place was crowded with spies, undercover men of all sorts. It was a center for European resistance. Through an intelligence man, Mr. Dulles learned of the conspiracy to assassinate Der Fuhrer, Adolph Hitler; that was on July 20, 1944. He tried with might and main to get his superiors to give support to the enterprise. The plot failed, but Mr. Dulles did succeed in saving a German whom he had personally encouraged to get out of Germany with forged papers and an identification ring, all supplied by Mr. Dulles.

"Since then Mr. Dulles, Allen W. Dulles, has done a great many large things. He will be called upon to do many, many more. The Senate apparently has confidence that he will do them well. That was the reason for the vote on endorsement."